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Final Sundown Concert Series featuring Julian Vaughn Set for August 20

Hampton, VA – The final Sundown Concert Series of the summer will take place on August 20 at Mill Point Park at 5:30 p.m. Attendees won’t want to miss this amazing evening filled with the soulful sounds of jazz bassist, Julian Vaughn. Presented by Jay Lang, previous events from the series were held the third Saturday of June and July at the Docks at Downtown Hampton.

Born and raised in Kansas City, Julian Vaughn was primarily a drummer when he picked up the bass guitar. He launched his solo career in 2010 with his debut album The Purpose Project, which catapulted him into the world of smooth jazz. In 2012, Vaughn released the album Breakthrough featuring the single "On Your Feet," which peaked at number one on the Billboard chart. He later would release albums Limitless (2015), Bona Fide (2017), Supreme (2019) and Chapters of Love (2021). While the bassist has toured across the U.S., playing at some of the largest jazz festivals and venues, he has also performed abroad in places like Dubai, South Africa, Nigeria, Kenya, Italy, Spain and Germany.

“As a resident and music enthusiast, I’m excited to be able to bring world class, live smooth jazz artists back to Downtown Hampton, adding yet another chapter to Hampton’s rich Jazz Music Legacy,” added Series Producer Jay Lang. “This series will bring new life and activity to our history rich city while giving our residents, families, and traveling visitors a beautiful outdoor musical experience during the summer months, complementing our beautiful waterfront.”

The August 20 concert is free and open to the public. In addition to live music, guests will be able to enjoy recorded smooth jazz. Festival chairs are allowed.

“We are excited to bring the Sundown Concert Series and smooth jazz to Downtown Hampton this summer,” said Mary Fugere, Director of the Hampton Convention & Visitor Bureau. “We want our visitors and residents to know that Hampton’s strong jazz tradition, leading back to the first Hampton Jazz Festival in 1968, is thriving.”

In the event of inclement weather, the performance will be moved indoors to the Landing at Hampton Marina’s ballroom at 700 Settlers Landing Road, Hampton, VA. For more
Partially bordered by the Hampton Roads harbor and Chesapeake Bay, Hampton, with the 344,000 sq. ft. Hampton Roads Convention Center and the award-winning Hampton Coliseum, is located in the center of Coastal Virginia and the Hampton Roads metropolitan area. Hampton is the site of America’s first continuous English-speaking settlement, the site of the first arrival of Africans in English North America, and is home to such visitor attractions as the Virginia Air & Space Science Center, Fort Monroe National Monument, Hampton History Museum, Hampton University Museum, The American Theatre, among others.